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was taken in the proceedings by the farmers of the county, but it was deemed best to postpone further action, awaiting the decision of parliament.

The county council, at its recent session, authorized me to again express their approval of national ownership, or at least control of all telephone systems in the country, and trust the day is not far distant when so desirable an end may be reached.

Signed on behalf of the municipal council of the county of Waterloo.

ANTHONY OCHS,

Chairman, Special Committee on Telephone Services.

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Translation.

LAPRAIRIE, P.Q., July 4, 1905.

To the Chairman of the Select Committee on Telephones,
House of Commons, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with instructions received from the municipal council of the village of Laprairie, and in reply to your letter of June last, I have to say that the telephone system of the Bell Company is not what it ought to be or might be in this municipality. That company is the only one here and the price which they charge to subscribers per annum is so high that the number is reduced to two or three. These subscribers pay \$20 per annum for a telephone, and besides they have to pay the long-distance rate the same as non-subscribers. The charge for long-distance telephone is also too high; for example, 15 cents for three minutes to Montreal, and 5 cents for each additional minute. A tariff of 15 cents for five minutes and a yearly rate of \$10 for a telephone would be reasonable and quite sufficient.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. GRONDIN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE,

EDMONTON, ALTA., June 16, 1905.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK, Postmaster General,
Chairman Select Committee on Telephones.

SIR,—We have to-day endeavoured to answer as fully as possible your questions *re* telephone, and are glad to assist you in this or any other way.

As has been pointed out already, this system came into our possession only at the beginning of this year, and, under municipal control, is working out quite as satisfactorily as was expected. The system as taken over by us was capable of considerable extension and improvement. We have not as yet fixed upon any definite policy further than a general advancement under municipal control; and though we are contemplating the installing of a modern and up-to-date system, the particular system has not been decided upon. In any case we are about to proceed with the standardizing of the system so that we may be able to make satisfactory connection with outside systems when the opportunity presents itself.

We experience some difficulty in carrying on the work outside the municipality that had been commenced by the private company from whom we purchased the plant, being more expensive and much less satisfactory. Moreover, we are not connected with